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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

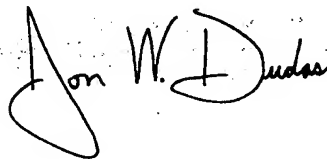
In the Claims:

Column 12

Line 20, Claim 7: after "connected" insert --to--

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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